

The Open Forum

This Forum will accept communications up to 300 words in length on matters of community and county interest. Communications in regard to personal controversies, religious discussions and political disputes will not be accepted. All copy must be in not later than Tuesday and all communications must be signed.

THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION

What of the winter? This was the question that confronted Alma late in 1920.

The factories were closed and men were out of work. War prices had made it impossible for the average laboring man to accumulate a savings account, as many of them were paying for their homes on the monthly payment plan.

Without employment and winter approaching, the situation was serious. Everyone was thoughtful. Groups of people began discussing ways and means for lending aid to those in need.

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Every church and many other societies expressed a willingness to cooperate.

A meeting was called with representatives from each of these societies present and officers were chosen.

A city-wide canvass was made that all who were struggling against adversity might be known and a friendly hand extended to them.

Another meeting was held a little later and the large attendance emphasized the general interest of the community in this common cause.

It was decided to open a room where food and clothing would be kept and might be given to worthy persons upon application. The city commission very kindly gave the use of a room in the city hall and a secretary was placed in charge.

Thus the Welfare Association came into existence. It is an organization of the people of Alma for the people of Alma.

During the winter of 1920 and '21 sixty families representing more than three hundred people were supplied with food. Many other children were furnished with good comfortable clothing. Where there was sickness in the family, delicacies were provided.

The coming winter will undoubtedly bring to us as great a call as that of last winter.

There have already been some cases where clothing and shoes had to be supplied before children could attend school. If the need is felt thus early, what will it be later?

Just at present the vegetables grown in the home garden are largely supplying the family table but, in many cases these will be used before the winter really sets in.

We are face to face with the necessity of securing funds to carry on the work. If everyone will take their share of the responsibility and opportunity it will be possible for the Welfare Association to be increasingly helpful to those in our community who need help.

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To Increase Legume Acreage

East Lansing, Sept. 29.—Figures on the cost of maintaining dairy cows, just released by F. T. Riddell of the farm management department at the Michigan Agricultural College, give \$142.80 as the total direct cost per cow during the past year in the average herd. The material upon which this estimate is based was gathered from a cost accounting route in Wayne and Monroe counties, which included 528 animals on 23 different farms and was checked carefully by W. J. Kurtz, of the college staff.

Returns from the herds studied on the route totaled \$235.06 per cow, leaving a net average return, above direct costs, of \$92.26 a year per cow. Costs included \$103.36 feed per cow, and \$39.44 for other costs, including maintenance of entire herd and feed for young stock and bulls. Returns included \$175.88 from milk and cream sales, and \$59.18 from other sources, including sale of stock and manure, and dairy products used in the home.

Man labor required to care for one dairy cow was found to total 151 hours a year, at an average price of hired labor of 24.9 cents per hour, including board. Total investment per cow ran to \$357.05, equipment and buildings being included in the investment figures.

An interesting feature brought out in the records was the fact that different herds, because of greatly differing production ability per cow, showed decided variance in earning power. Nine herds averaged 8,305 pounds of milk a cow, for a net return of \$111.62 a head; while eleven herds averaged but 6,310 pounds of milk per cow, for a net return of only \$2.94 an animal.

Area of a Triangle

Where the altitude and base of a triangle is known, the area of the triangle is found by multiplying one-half the base by the altitude. Where the heights of the three sides of the triangle are known, the area of the triangle can be found by the following formula: From half the sum of the three sides subtract each side separately, multiply together continually the half sum and the three remainders and extract the square root of the product which will be the area of the triangle.

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Present — Commissioners Chick, Creaser, Glass and Archer.

Absent—None.

There being a quorum present the Commission was declared to be in session.

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E. King 30.00

V. Wiley 29.10

D. Howe 33.00

E. C. Hasse 44.80

C. Hitchcock 25.00

Wm. Holmes 11.60

F. N. Grover 42.40

Vic Lowe 23.40

B. Williams 15.00

H. Faught 19.12

R. Scheib 34.75

J. Mizer 14.00

E. Hammond 15.00

E. Landon 27.50

L. Helms 27.50

E. Darnell 23.75

P. Shepherd 27.50

W. Wheeler 20.00

G. Heintz 14.00

W. McFarland 20.00

A. Elcher 4.50

B. Williams 5.00

H. Voller 36.00

E. Preston 1.05

C. Williams 15.00

L. Andres 15.00

Joe Lutz 18.00

J. Wilson 21.00

L. Blair 21.00

E. Wing 25.00

Street and Liberty Street at the north east corner and running thence east to the west line of River Avenue and fronting and abutting upon the following owned and described lots, lands and premises; all being in Block 47, Garrett Addition.

E. L. Fuller, the east 67 ft. of south 52 ft. of lot 6.

C. R. Rockwell, the west 48 ft. of east 115 feet of lot 6 and west 105 ft. of south 26 ft. of lot 5.

Carl Harry, the west 50 ft. of lot 6. Mrs. Parker, lot 7.

The above resolution was passed by a yeas and nays vote as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Chick, Creaser, Glass and Archer.

Nays—none.

Moved by Commissioner Creaser and supported by Commissioner Archer that the resolution of the Commission adopted at the regular session of the Commission September 13, 1921, for the construction of sidewalks to which reference is hereby made as amended by the above motion be readopted with like force and effect as if the whole were reincorporated and made a part of the records of this meeting. The above motion passed by a yeas and nays vote as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Chick, Creaser, Glass and Archer.

Nays—None.

Moved by Commissioner Creaser and supported by Commissioner Archer that the annual report submitted by the City Clerk for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1921, be received and the City Clerk for the fiscal year end published in both papers of the city. The motion prevailed.

Moved by Commissioner Archer and supported by Commissioner Creaser that the report received from the Gratiot County Gas Co. giving tests made of the gas furnished to the public be filed. The motion prevailed.

Moved by Commissioner Creaser and supported by Commissioner Glass that the City Manager be instructed to purchase 500 feet of fire hose to be paid for out of the Contingent Fund. The vote was as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Chick, Creaser, Glass and Archer.

Nays—None.

Moved by Commissioner Creaser and supported by Commissioner Chick that from and after October 1st, 1921, the city time in the City of Alma, be and is hereby declared to be Central Standard Time, and not Eastern Standard Time as now, and that all clocks in said city be set on Central Standard Time after 12 o'clock midnight, October 1, 1921, and shall continue on Central Standard Time and that all business and proceedings from and after said date be commenced and end on Central Standard Time. The motion prevailed.

Mayor Murphy appoints Commissioners Creaser and Glass to investigate the park proposition, and the obtaining of additional land.


Moved by Commissioner Glass and supported by Commissioner Creaser that the Commission adjourn. Motion prevailed.

Francis C. Hayward, Clerk.

Charles R. Murphy, Mayor.


FARMERS NOTICE

Any one within short hauling distance of the city may contract to furnish straw in exchange for manure. Apply Troop C, 106th Cavalry, Chamber of Commerce rooms. 17-1f



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20c	\$1.15	\$1.20	\$1.25	\$1.30	\$1.35
30c	\$1.30	\$1.35	\$1.40	\$1.45	\$1.50
40c	\$1.45	\$1.50	\$1.55	\$1.60	\$1.65
50c	\$1.60	\$1.65	\$1.70	\$1.75	\$1.80
60c	\$1.75	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$1.95

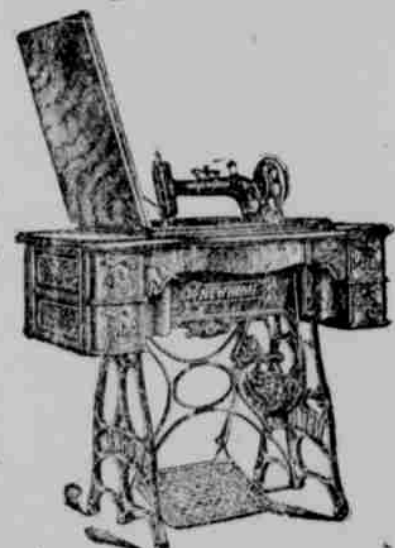
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